

**TENNESSEE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,
MARITAL & FAMILY THERAPISTS, AND
CLINICAL PASTORAL THERAPISTS MINUTES**

DATE: December 5, 2014

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

LOCATION: Health Related Boards Conference Center
Poplar Room, 665 Mainstream Drive
Nashville, TN 37243

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Susan Hammonds-White, Ed.D. LPC, President
Kimberly Speakman, LPC
Bradley Bull, Ph.D., LMFT
Stephen Caldwell, M.Div., Citizen Member
Howard Nelson, PhD, LPC, LCPT

STAFF PRESENT: Johanna Barde, Advisory Attorney
Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director
James Hill, Board Administrator

Dr. Hammonds-White welcomed to the Board Dr. Nelson representing the clinical pastoral counselors Ms. Speakman representing licensed professional counselors.

Dr. Hammonds-White called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum was present.

Ms. Barde reviewed the conflict of interest policy with the Board.

Minutes

Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson to approve the September 5, 2014 minutes. The motion carried.

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

As of August 27, 2014, the Office of General Counsel has five open cases against five (5) respondents.

Currently there is no legislative activity to discuss.

Ms. Barde continues to work on rule projects for the Board. One rule is related to distance counseling and has asked for further guidance regarding the drafting of rules.

Ms. Barde was tasked with revising the LPC Jurisprudence exam. MS. Barde advised the Board against bringing the revision back to the Board for review because we do not want to encourage people to request it as a public record and have access to the exam ahead of time, so she asked for a vote from the Board to designate Ms. Barde as legal counsel to make the revision and send back to the testing agency to replace the current exam. Mr. Caldwell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Speakman. The motion carried.

A petition for a declaratory order on the subject of what it means to “practice medicine” as prohibited by the LPC scope of practice statute, and what involvement if any LPC/MHSPs can have in discussing medications for their clients. The Board needs to look at the motion and decide whether to deny it or whether to set a contested case hearing to gather more information and possibly ultimately grant it in whole or in part.

Investigative Report

Ms. Nichelle Dorroh stated there are five (5) cases open for licensed professional counselors, one (1) case open for marital and family therapists.

Monitored Practitioners Report

Currently there are two (2) practitioners being monitored two (2) under board order.

Financial Report

Ms. Wilkins presented to the Board the Financial report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. The Board has direct expenditures of \$68,333.16, total expenditures of \$ 149,048.01, Board revenue of \$252,091.17 giving a current year net of \$103,043.16, with a carry forward of \$632,129.97.

Administrative Report

There are 1706 licensed professional counselors, 454 licensed marital and family therapists and 27 licensed pastoral therapists.

There are a total of 1415 Licensed Professional Counselors with the Mental Health Services Provider endorsement as of November 28, 2014.

Mr. Caldwell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Speakman, to send Dr. Bull and Ms. Wilkins to the Tennessee Association of Marital and Family Therapist (TAMFT) conference February 20-21, 2015, Nashville, TN and to also support the registration fee. The motion carried.

Newly Licensed

Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bull, to approve the newly licensed professional counselors. The motion carried.

**Sarah L. Allen
Jill B. Baird
Karen Brown
Maria Bush
Brandon Cole
Karen L. Crouch
Jessica Ann Davidson
Jennifer R. Davis
Jennifer Lynn Dressler
Marykate R. Durbin
Sally Floyd
Susan Folker
Charles Frangos
Tiffany C. Greene
Justin C. Higgs
Allen Katz**

**Karla Lewis
Carletta L. McDowell
Andrea B. Mills
Frederrick Nixon
Amanda Russell
April Y. Sanner
Linda Frances Schauer
Kimberly D. Shultz
Rebecca L. Sledge
Yunetta S. Smith
Jennifer M. Stock
Marcia Summers
Jay H. Tift
Eve C. Vanzant
Laura E. Ward**

Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to approve the newly licensed marital and family therapists. The motion carried.

**Carla Davis
Daron Dickens
Andrew Dunn
Jennifer Hounshell
Julie Iwanicki
Megan Kandros
Deborah Lancaster
Russell Massey**

**Cara McMillin
Christy Miller
David Keith Munsford Sr.
Laura Parks
Johanna Powell
Patricia Elvera Prickett
Melissa Prusinski
Ellen Wilkins**

Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Ms. Speakman, to approve the temporary licensed professional counselors. The motion carried.

**Ingrid C. Baldwin
Shaundra L. Bills
Jonathan A. Dukes
Duana E. Francis
Lara Jackson
Hanna R. Kleiner
Ilana Sara Kostrinsky
Amy R. Poag**

**Lani Ramos
Kevin Shelby
Melissa D. Simmons
Benjamin Sinclair
Ashley M. Smart
Susan Whitley
Karen M. Wittman
Laura Zelenka**

Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to approve the temporary licensed marital and family therapists. The motion carried.

Cayce Brewer

Stephen L. Jackson

Juli M. Clendenin
Sara K. Corlew
Andrew S. Cudd
Rebecca M. Davis
Christopher P. Dennison
Amanda Dye
Ashlie C. Edwards

Annchristine Johnson
Karen V. McCrory
Summer McKinney
Tina Parker
Phillip Pistle
Jennifer Rainey
David A. Saunders

Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to approve the reinstated licensed professional counselors. The motion carried.

Claudia L. Gossett-Divine

Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to approve the reinstated license marital and family therapist. The motion carried.

Marnie C. Ferree

Correspondence

Angie Johnson, submitted a letter asking permission to attain post graduate hours in the integrated health care setting. The Board determined that for a person in an integrated health practice to work and receive hours there will need to be a licensed mental health professional on staff as well. Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, to have Dr. Susan Hammonds-White draft a letter of response to Ms. Johnson. The motion carried.

Charles Winton submitted a letter advising the Board of the difficult time he has in locating an AAMFT approved supervisor and asked for guidance from the Board on locating a supervisor. Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, that if Dr. Bull can verify that Mr. Winton is indeed having difficulty in locating an AAMFT approved supervisor they will allow video supervision as long as it is HIPAA compliant. The motion carried.

Jason, submitted a letter regarding post master supervision for LPC. The Board determined that the supervision hours completed under the LCSW will not count as the supervisor was license for two years. All supervisors for LPC/MHSP must be licensed for five years. The Board has also requested additional information your situation and how much supervision was completed under a LPC/MHSP as required under current rules.

Jessica Capretto, submitted a letter asking for a waiver of the face-to-face supervision requirements. Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Ms. Speakman, to approve the supervision via video conferencing as long as it its HIPAA compliant. The motion carried.

Kimberly Rodgers, submitted a request to the Board to uphold the reapply of her surrendered licensure requirements and the conditions imposed. Ms. Rodgers missed the deadline and has rescheduled for the January 17, 2015 exam she is asking the Board to grant the extension on

meeting the Board requirements for licensure. Mr. Caldwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bull, to grant the extension. The motion carried..

Megan Pathammavong, submitted a request for extension for obtaining the LPC/MHSP. Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to allow the hours for 2009 and must have all hours completed by December, 2016. The motion carried.

Michael Taylor, submitted a request of exemption for the purpose of being able to complete supervision of supervisors via AAMFT. The Board thanks you for your inquire; however the Board does not have Rules or jurisdiction over the supervision of supervisors by AAMFT.

Pamela Cogdal, submitted a letter asking the Board about the practicum and internship sites for masters counseling students. The Board makes no decisions on the sites for the practicum/internship; this would be a decision the university would need to make.

Petition for Declaratory Order

Ronnie R. Cox. Is seeking clarification on issues of “discussions of client medications” pursuant to Tenn.Code.Comp 4-5-223 and Rules of the Tennessee Department of Health Division of Health Related Boards, Tenn.Comp.R.Reg 1200-10-.11. The LPC/MHSP on the Board felt that it is not the place of an LPC/MHSP to render an opinion on a client’s need for medications, even if asked by the prescribing physician, because LPC are not trained to render such opinions. Further, the prescribing physician cannot be required to consult the LPC/MHSP if he or she does not want to include the LPC/MHSP in the clinical decision-making regarding prescribing prescriptions. The Board also felt that to issue the order as requested could place the Board in conflict with the Board of Medical Examiners. Ms. Speakman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to deny the petition of Declaratory Order. The motion carried.

Other Business

The Board discussed the Taskforce for Marriage and Family therapists regarding procedures for licensure, determine what about the procedures are confusing, what changes need to be made to the application, What education needs to be put out on what the procedures are, and develop a pathway to licensure. The following people have been nominated to participate in the Taskforce. Mr. Caldwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson to approve the taskforce. The motion carried.

Dr. Bradley Bull
Dr. Brenda Dew
Robbie Hutchens

James Hill
Teddy Wilkins
Johanna Barde

Any member of the AAMFT who might want to participate in the taskforce this would be at Dr. Bulls’ discretion.

Ms. Barde discussed with the Board on what direction she should take in drafting of the Tele Health Rules. The Board would like to see something that is short and requires includes HIPAA

compliance, national certification or training. Rules should be what you can do and what you can't do. The current member of the Taskforce are John Kennedy with Trevecca Nazarene University and Robin Lee with the TLPCA.

Mr. Hill discussed with the Board on lowering the Continuing Education audit from 100% to change the audit to 50%. The Board agreed to reduce the audit to 35% beginning with the January, 2015 audit.

With no other business to conduct, Dr. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bull, to adjourn at 11:30 am. The motion carried.

Adopted by the Board for Professional Counselors, Marital and Family Therapist, Clinical Pastoral Therapist on this the 20th day of March, 2015.